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Community *notes*

Fourth of July Closings

Howard County Government observances of the Independence Day holiday (Tuesday, July 4):

Closed on Tuesday

County Government Offices

Courts

Animal Shelter

50+ Centers

County Historic Sites

Kiwanis-Wallas Hall

Meadowbrook Athletic Center

Robinson Nature Center

Landfill, trash & recycling: **the "slide" schedule will be in effect**

Cedar Lane & Schooley Mill Activity Rooms

Gary J. Arthur & North Laurel Community Centers

Open on Tuesday

County Parks

Roger Carter Center

[RTA](#): Sunday schedule
only

The 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies, call 9-1-1; for non-emergencies, please call 410-313-2200.



County offices will re-open with regular business hours on Wednesday, July 5.

Greetings

As we honor our rights and benefits as citizens of the United States on July 4, let us remember that we have a responsibility to care for those who are in need and those who labor to protect us. Enjoy the day!

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Giving Food Means Independence

Food for Tomorrow, a student-led grassroots campaign to raise food, money, and awareness for the Howard County Food Bank, will participate in Longfellow Friends of the Traditional Fourth beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Hesperus Drive and Eliot's Oak Road.

The Food Bank needs the following items:

Cereal

Pasta & Rice

Baby Food

Juice Boxes

Peanut Butter

Canned Beans

Tuna

Pasta Sauce

Coffee and Tea

Healthy Snacks

Canned Fruit

Low Sodium Vegetables

Look for the pick up truck and the volunteers who will be thrilled to see you as you help them fill the back of the truck with food!

If you are away for the holiday, please consider a donation to the [Community Action Council of Howard County](#). Together we can help fight hunger in our neighborhood.

Regional Celebrations

Star-Spangled Spectacular

Monday, July 3 • 8:00 p.m.

Oregon Ridge Park, 13401 Beaver Dam Road, Hunt Valley
The Baltimore Symphonic Orchestra celebrates Independence day with patriotic favorites such as Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever, topped off with dazzling fireworks. For more information and tickets, visit their [website](#).

Catonsville's Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 4

Catonsville

This all-day, fun-filled Catonsville tradition features children's games, races, and concerts starting at 9:30 a.m. The parade steps off at 3:00 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. at Catonsville High School. The full schedule is on the [website](#).

National Independence Day Parade

Tuesday, July 4 • 11:45 a.m.

Washington, D.C.

The parade takes place on Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street consisting of bands, fife and drum corps, floats, military and specialty units, giant balloons, and more. For more information, visit [the event website](#). The fun continues with the annual fireworks display. Visit the [National Park Service](#) for the details.

Old-Fashioned July 4th Picnic/Celebration/Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4 • 3:00 p.m.

Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster

Celebration includes food, fun, and fireworks. For more information, visit [the event website](#).

Annapolis Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4 • 6:30 p.m.

Annapolis

The Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will travel along West Street, around Church Circle, and down Main Street to the City Dock. Visit Susan Campbell Park at 8:00 p.m. for a performance by the Naval Academy's Concert Band, followed by a 4th of July Fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. from a barge in Annapolis Harbor.

Baltimore's Ports America Chesapeake Fourth of July

Tuesday, July 4 • 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor

Commemorate Independence Day with live music and celebratory fireworks in the heart of downtown Baltimore. The event will showcase music by U.S. Navy Band starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater at Pratt and Light Streets, fireworks will follow. Go to this [website](#) for more information.

Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday Locally

Longfellow Parade

The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The parade will travel from Hesperus Drive, takes a left on Eliot's Oak and ends at the other end of Hesperus Drive. For more information, visit [Harper's Choice's website](#).

River Hill Independence Day Parade

The 16th annual River Hill Independence Day Parade starts at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4, on Great Star Drive. It will begin at Pointers Run Elementary School and end on Signal Bell Lane. Find out more by going to [River Hill's website](#).

Lakefront Fireworks Show

Pre-fireworks entertainment for the whole family starts at 5:00 p.m. The fireworks begin once the sun goes down, so make sure to find a good spot on the hill. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to avoid traffic and can set out blankets as early as 8:00 a.m. Bring a picnic, listen to music, and enjoy the fireworks.

Maple Lawn Street Festival

Want more fireworks? Join the fun at the annual [Maple Lawn Street Festival](#) on Saturday, July 8, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a night of local vendors, exhibitors, great food, and an awesome Kids' Zone. Grab a cold beverage from the beer garden while you watch live performances from local bands in the Maple Lawn Entertainment Pavilion. The night will be capped off with a fireworks display.

Buy Your July 4th Picnic Locally

Click [here](#) to learn more about Farmers' Markets around the County.



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